GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RAISING OF KASHMIR ISSUE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times and places where the issue of Kashmir has been raised by India and Pakistan during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by both the countries in this regard;

(c) whether the Union Government has received requests from many countries including Britain to mediate as a third party between India and Pakistan on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) - (b) Pakistan has raised the Kashmir issue repeatedly at various international fora. Government`s principled and consistent position on the issue of Jammu & Kashmir is that the entire State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the illegal occupation of Pakistan.

(c) - (d) India has not received any request from a third country to mediate between India and Pakistan on the Kashmir issue. Under the Simla Agreement, both India and Pakistan are committed to address bilateral issues peacefully through bilateral dialogue. Jammu and Kashmir is one of the subjects in the framework of the Composite Dialogue. There is no scope for any third party role or mediation.